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Ducks

Geese,

and

Chickens



No Christmas dinner is quite complete without a fine Roast Fowl. We will have a selected lot and request that you place your orders early.

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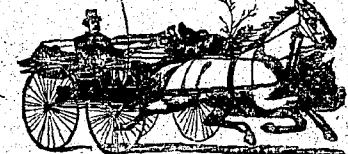
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Many more Merry Christmases, too!

And may they be even more than merry!

The Grayling Mercantile Co.

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Prompt livery service ready at anytime.

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Buy it at HOME this Christmas

Keep Prosperity in THIS Town

Christmas Baking

IT IS CHEAPER to buy than to bake for the Christmas dinner. Let us do your baking for you, and save you money and time and much hard work. Talk to us about it early.

Special preparations have been made for doing all kinds of holiday baking, giving it that peculiar "home flavor" which is so much in demand everywhere.

A Few Suggestions:

Try our New Silver Slice Cake
New England Dark Fruit Cake
Pepper Nuts

Honey Nuts
Christmas Cookies
Apple Cake

Do Not Fail to Register for a Calendar

We are going to give to our customers by far the prettiest calendar that was ever given away in Grayling.

Model Bakery and Grocery

THOS. CASSIDY, Prop'r.

ENTERTAIN IN HONOR OF D. W. DONOHUE.

Local Industrial Firms Give Complimentary Dinner.

In honor of D. W. Donohue, trainmaster of the Mackinaw division of the Michigan Central railroad, the local industrial firms gave a six o'clock dinner at the rooms of the Grayling Social Club Tuesday evening.

This was to show their appreciation of Mr. Donohue as a citizen of Grayling during the past year and a half that he has been located here, and also the gratitude of our manufacturers for the service this railroad has given them, due greatly to the business like and indefatigable efforts of Mr. Donohue.

Twenty-eight men sat down at a long table, beautiful with white linen and silver, set with two vases of carnations. The electric lamps were encircled with large red poinsettias. The banquet was prepared and served by the ladies of the Good Fellowship Club and was probably one of the most delicious and best served ever given in the Club rooms. There were four courses, each of the choicest viands of the season.

During the banquet a telegram from M. C. Coyle, addressed to Rasmus Hanson, was received and read aloud. He expressed his regrets at being unable to be present, and appreciation of the compliment conferred upon one of their officials (Mr. Donohue).

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Park Benefit Entertainment Was A Success.

The much advertised entertainment for the benefit of Grayling's new City park, was very much of a success and also netted the management a clear fund of about \$7500.

As is usual with home talent entertainments, there was everything from the sublime to the ridiculous.

First was a grand overture by Clark's orchestra. For the second number Miss Lucile Campbell sang very nicely "It isn't the thing to do." A one act comedy, "Two Drinks for a Nickel," starring P. G. Zalsman, Wm. McNeven and Owen Cameron, wherein two tramps tried to get two drinks for their lone nickel, brought out many laughs.

A vocal duet, "Come sing to me," by Mrs. T. W. Hanson and Fred Alexander, as may be expected, was a very pleasant number, as was also the vocal duet, "Crimson glow at Sunset Bay," sung by Mrs. Marius Hanson and Mrs. C. C. Wescott.

Charles A. Palmer, a professional comedian, tragedian and balladeau, sang, "There'll be a Jubilee in My Old Kentucky Home." He was called back at least four times, each time appearing amidst a thundering blair of cornet and trombone and the resounding of symbols and blowing of whistles, cat calls etc., until finally he nearly fell from exhaustion and had to disappoint his audience by being unable to further appear in that act.

An exhibition of Folk dancing by the Folk Dancing club, under the direction of L. C. Bungard, director of gymnastic at the gymnasium, was one of the most enjoyable features of the entertainment. They gave Swedish and Danish dances, in native costumes. Master Harry Cook furnished the music for this part of the program with his violin.

Few among the audience recognized Ernest Richards in his Dutch act, "Little Yacob Straus." He sang funny Dutch songs, sprung jokes and did some clever dancing. His makeup and his act were much enjoyed and elicited hearty applause.

The entertainment concluded with a one act sketch, "My Old Kentucky Home," played by ten characters, with Messrs. Zalsman, Mitchell, Dreser, Curter, Palmer and Dekett playing the leading roles. Conspicuous in this act was Owen Cameron, as Charlie Chaplin.

The receipts from the entertainment have been put in care of Marius Hanson, secretary and treasurer of the Fish hatchery, and will be used for making improvements in the park.

Mr. Zalsman is deserving considerable credit for the success of the affair.

(Mr. Palmer, claiming to be "professional," has demanded \$10.00 as payment for his services and, we have been informed, has promised to instituted proceedings against Mr. Zalsman for the recovery of the same. Really, this is funny! He just simply cannot help making people laugh.)

Pure candies for Christmas. Gilbert's and Liggett's assorted chocolates and nut chocolates; Johnson's chocolates, Maxixe cherries; pure twisted stick candies and many other kinds. A. M. Lewis.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

The M. E. Sunday school will have their Christmas exercises and Christmas tree on Thursday evening December 30, in the M. E. church, to commence at seven o'clock. (Standard time.)

A special Christmas service will be held on Sunday morning in the M. E. church. All the Sunday school children

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Christmas Gifts For All

What will George like best for Xmas? That same old problem looks us in the face every year, and to some Christmas buying is really work. Whereas it should be a pleasure.

We Make Christmas Buying Easy. Here's Our Plan

Make a list of the friends you intend to remember. Then make up your mind to buy only practical, useful things. Presents that they will not be obliged to put away on the shelf just to look at. That's a waste of money and you have not satisfied your friends.

Just Buy Things They Can Use Every Day---Things to Wear

Now doesn't that sound like common sense? You can do your complete buying at this store, from the baby to its grandfather.

There is nothing nicer for little brother than a neat

Mackinaw, an Overcoat, a Cap, a Hat,

Sweater or Gloves. You could not please your older son more if you presented him with a nice Suit or Overcoat, cut in the latest fashion. Could father wish for anything better than a nice Suit or Overcoat with Hat and Gloves to match?

Same way with mother, what can please her more than a nice

Coat, Waist, Shoes, Slippers, Neckwear,

Gloves, Mittens, Handkerchiefs, Hosiery, Etc. Fancy Linens of every description, such as Table Linen, Napkins, Towels, Etc.

Fancy Shirts, Socks and Ties

Our assortment is very complete and larger than ever.

Men's Neckwear

Bought especially for Xmas and strictly up-to-date.

Fancy Linens

Our reputation as THE linen store adds much to the appreciation of your gift bot here.

Lunch Cloths, Lunch Sets, Table Sets, Table Cloths, Napkins, Towels and Scarfs.

Beautiful Line of Hosiery

Christmas Aprons

Bags and Suit Cases

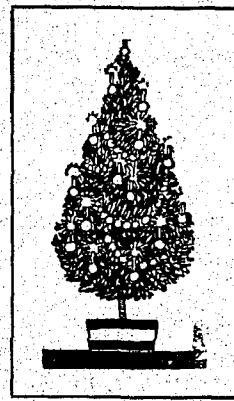
Infant's Wear

Back Combs and Barrettes

Hand Bags

Ladies' and Men's Stylish Footwear

We will not only sell you the shoes but will fit your feet. This year's stock is the finest we ever had. Shoes and Slippers are always appreciated presents.



CHRISTMAS TIME, the great festive time of the year; the time when we should put aside petty jealousies and banish all unkind thoughts from our minds, and try and make others happy; therein lies our own happiness. Let your giving be coupled with the practical things that are of high quality and beauty. Our store is full of good suggestions and we invite you to come in and see. It is impossible to tell all here.

EMIL KRAUS

Grayling's Leading Dry Goods Store

Christmas



For a number of years Santa Claus came from the North Pole to visit us

Santa Claus is here again this year with a full line of

Toys, Tailor-Made Clothes
Underwear for Ladies, Men and Children
Shoes for the whole Family
Rubbers for the whole Family
Sox, Children's and Ladies' Hosiery
Ties, Handkerchiefs, Suspenders

We just got in a line of Leather Suit Cases and Traveling Bags

Solid Leather \$8.00 Traveling Bags for \$6.00
\$7.00 All Leather Suit Cases \$5.00

Makes a fine Xmas present.

BRENNER'S

GRAYLING, MICHIGAN

— Rose Mills Powers, in Youth's Companion

GRANGE ENDORSES TONNAGE TAX

AFTER LONG AND BITTER DEBATE POSITION IS REAFFIRMED.

RURAL CREDIT LAW FAVERED

Government Ownership of Telephone and Telegraph Lines Receives Support But Military Expenditures Are Opposed.

Ann Arbor—After two hours and a half of debate the Michigan State Grange Friday night reaffirmed the position taken last year, when it referred the question of a tonnage tax to the executive committee with instructions to push the initiative petition.

Anti-tonnage forces, led by James N. McBride, of Owosso, former State Senator McNaughton, of Kent; J. A. Thompson, of Vulcan, and Frank Vandenboom, of Marquette, made a gallant fight to stop the tonnage tax movement by offering the income tax as a substitute, but succeeded only in securing a recommendation that the state grange "carefully study the income tax" for future action.

The executive committee's course has been severely criticized by State Food and Dairy Commissioner James Helme, one of the tonnage tax leaders, who alleged that it had failed to push the matter.

The victory of the tonnage tax forces was tempered somewhat by the defeat that Helme suffered at the afternoon session when the convention refused to adopt a committee report recommending that the farmer members of the legislature repeal the state marketing law and re-enact one giving the control of the state's marketing activities to the state dairy and food department instead of to the Michigan Agricultural college.

A resolution proposed by the cooperative committee that met with instant approval and one that is of vital interest to the farmers throughout the country, was the one on rural credits in which was recommended the enactment of a federal rural credit law, which should embrace the following features:

A low rate of interest, to be secured either by long time government loans direct to farmers or by government land-backed bonds; and amortization of the loan in at least 30 years.

Among the resolutions passed was one asking that the money heretofore used by congress for distributing seeds to farmers be used to do something for the farmers that would be of greater advantage to them.

The grange also endorsed government ownership of telephone and telegraph lines, protested against any further increase in our financial or military obligations, protested against the recent readjustment of rural mail routes and unanimously endorsed the Palmer-Owen child labor law.

The organization also formally recommended the enactment of a law to require goods held in cold storage for 60 days or more to be conspicuously labeled. The committee on pure foods presented a resolution complimenting Dairy and Food Commissioner Helme for the zealous discharge of the duties of his office.

BIG HIGHWAY PLAN STARTED

Paved Way From Detroit to Chicago Purpose of New Organization.

Battle Creek—The Michigan Chicago-Detroit Highway association, to promote the building of a permanent highway along the line of the Territorial road across the southern peninsula of Michigan, was formed at a meeting held here Friday night. A. B. Williams of Battle Creek was named temporary chairman and W. M. Bryant of Kalamazoo temporary secretary.

A call was issued for a general meeting to be held in Battle Creek on the evening of January 5, with a banquet to be attended by business men representing the seven counties to be included in the work.

A systematic campaign in support of the building of a paved highway between Chicago and Detroit will be taken up.

MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS

Kalamazoo will get the next biennial convention of the National Order of Gleaners, which will be held in January.

Albion's publication, as determined by a one hour's census by school children under direction of W. J. McKone, superintendent, is 7,933, an increase of 34.6 per cent since 1910.

Paying no heed to the warning of the signalman at the Pere Marquette crossing near Zeeland, John Postmus, aged 30, walked along the track a short distance and was struck and killed by a passenger train.

Attorney General Fellows Tuesday decided for Game Commissioner Oates that Indians not on reservations had to obey general hunting and fishing laws. Some of the Indians claimed that by old treaties they did not have to obey the law but could hunt, fish and trap at will.

Rev. Lewis P. Kopp, of Washington, Ia., has accepted a call issued by the First Church of Christ of Adrian.

Governor Ferris, in an address at the new \$25,000 nurses' building at the Michigan Soldiers' home at Grand Rapids, Tuesday, declared he believed young persons should be educated to the fact that too much attention not paid to old soldiers. The governor expressed sympathy for women sufferers in the European war. The building was presented by General George Stone, a member of the state board.

MICHIGAN NEWS BRIEFS

County Agent C. L. Coffoen reports that Lenawee county is practically free of hog cholera.

Tri-weekly rural mail routes will be established in Michigan on April at Ensign, Delta county and at Turner, Arenac county.

Commencing Jan. 3 Harbor Beach will have a mail delivery service. The postmaster has been authorized to employ one carrier.

Twenty-seven Ionia reformatory prisoners, of 44 who applied for leniency, have been granted paroles by the state pardon board.

Action has been taken by the Adrian school board whereby school girls of the city will be given an opportunity to learn to swim.

A movement has been started at Ludington to organize a Chamber of Commerce with a pledged supper of \$5,000 a year for three years.

A road bee was held Tuesday a half mile west of Wadham's by farmers not residents of that place, on the Lapeer Avenue road to repair a stretch of sandy road.

Harry H. Marks, 34, of Sault Ste. Marie, superintendent of the state fish hatcheries, is dead. Marks had served 20 years as superintendent of the state hatcheries.

The president has announced three Michigan post office appointments: Manchester, Frank H. Koebbe; Baldwin, Thomas Henderson; Burr Oak, Guy F. Hackman.

Albion young people will skate on a municipal skating rink this winter. A large tract of land near the center of the city has been offered for the purpose and will be flooded.

Samuel E. Byrne has been named judge of Marquette's new municipal court, which will come into existence January 1 under the amendment to the city charter recently adopted.

After several years' work, the Corunna W. R. C. has obtained funds enough to erect a memorial to the sailor and soldier dead. The tablet will be erected on the court house square.

James A. Greene, for two years assistant in the attorney-general's office, has tendered his resignation, to take effect January 1. He will go to Alma to take up partnership with W. A. Bahlike.

Harry, the six-year-old son of E. E. Cameron, teller in the Commercial bank, of Bay City, was fatally injured when struck by a motor car, the wheels of which passed over his head, fracturing the skull.

In an effort to end the frequent hold-ups and robberies reported in Muskegon, the police are in the midst of a campaign to eliminate carrying of concealed weapons and already a number of arrests have been made.

Hereafter the prisoners in the Bay county jail will have to buy their own tobacco. The county has been supplying it, at a cost of \$10 to \$15 a month, but the county auditors have decided to cut it out.

In the municipal election at Eaton Rapids, Monday, B. H. Custer was elected commissioner for three years over C. M. Hunt; C. A. Collier, justice, long term; Samuel P. Savage, justice to fill vacancy.

The Port Huron city commission has adopted a resolution fixing January 11 for a special election on the question of whether \$100,000 worth of bonds shall be issued for the construction of a new school building to replace the old Washington school.

The largest check received by Secretary of State Vaughan for automobile licensees this year from a single company came Saturday from the Edison Illuminating Co. Their check was \$1,683.30 to cover license plates for their various machines used in Detroit.

Announcement was made Saturday of the resignation of A. D. Furling as manager of the Commonwealth Utility companies in Saginaw Valley.

John A. Cleveland, former manager and vice-president of all the companies, will return January 1, as manager.

He will devote his time to the entire

district as well.

The Owosso city commission put down four new wells last summer, although the city already had seven wells. Now they have reason to be thankful. The seven old wells are dry, and the three new wells connected with the mains are furnishing the water supply. Experts say the lowering of the Shiawassee river is the cause of the old wells going dry.

Taxpayers of St. Charles township, Saginaw county, will be asked to authorize a bond issue of \$10,000 to be expended in dredging the Shiawassee river from the Center township line to north line of St. Charles township. It is claimed that by dredging the river thousands of acres of land, now almost useless, can be drained and made into fertile farming land.

Evart men have formed a \$10,000 stock company to manufacture an electric bean-picker invented by Harry Curtis, 18 years old, of Dighton.

At the meeting which was held here under the auspices of the Hillsdale County Superintendents' and Principals' association, an organization to be known as the South-Central Michigan Association of Superintendents and High School Principals was formed. Officers are: President, S. J. Gier, Hillsdale; vice-president, Commissioner Robinson; secretary, Principal Van Luskirk, of Hudson.

The manufacturing photo engravers of Michigan formed a state organization at a meeting held at Battle Creek. Fred W. Gage, of Battle Creek, was chosen president and E. C. Tonger, of Detroit, secretary-treasurer.

The twelfth annual show of the Oakland County Poultry Breeders' association will be held in the Light Guard armory in Pontiac the week of January 10. All premiums will be paid in cash this year. The entries are the largest in the history of the organization. Hundreds of Detroit birds will be shown this year.

PRINCIPALS IN PRESIDENTIAL WEDDING



PRESIDENT AND MRS. WILSON

WILSON-GALT NUPTIALS MARKED BY SIMPLICITY

PRESIDENT IS WEDDED AT BRIDE'S HOME IN PRESENCE OF FEW GUESTS. COUPLE LEAVE FOR VIRGINIA TO SPEND HONEYMOON

Washington—President Woodrow Wilson and Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt were married in simple, quiet elegance at 8:30 o'clock Saturday night, in the home of the bride in DuPont circle, and left at 11:40 o'clock on their private car for Hot Springs, Va., where they will pass their honeymoon.

Rev. Herbert Scott Smith, rector of St. Margaret's Protestant Episcopal church, of which the bride is a communicant, was waiting beneath the canopy to perform the ceremony, and with him to assist was the president's pastor, Rev. James H. Taylor, of the Central Presbyterian church.

Mrs. William H. Bolling, the bride's mother, gave her in marriage. The president stood to the right of the clergymen and the bride stood on their left. At once, Dr. Smith began the words of the Episcopal marriage service, the president making his responses first, and then the bride making hers. After the bride promised to "love, cherish and obey," the president placed the wedding ring, a plain band of gold, on her finger and then, after a prayer and while the couple clasped their right hands together, Dr. Smith declared them man and wife. The brief and simple ceremony was past.

At Hot Springs, where they arrived at 8:15 Sunday morning, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson had planned to live at the Homestead hotel until after New Year's day, unless some development should necessitate the president's earlier return to the capital. Two of the White House automobiles have been sent on ahead, and the couple expect to pass their honeymoon motor-golfing and walking over the mountain trails.

Besides the secret service guard, the party was accompanied by one stenographer. The president will keep in touch with the White House over special wires.

IS SIMPLE HOME WEDDING

Because the wedding arrangements and the hour of the ceremony had been kept close secret, there were few on the streets about the White House, but near the bride's home the crowd was held back by police lines spread in the afternoon.

Everything was in readiness for the ceremony when the president arrived and it proceeded without music.

Neither the president nor Mrs. Galt had attendants and there were no ushers nor flower girls. Neither the army, the navy nor the diplomatic corps was represented and the occasion was essentially what both of the couple had wished it to be—a home wedding.

THEY WERE ABOUT THIRTY GUESTS.

On the first floor of the bride's home, in two communicating rooms, a wedding bower had been arranged with a background of farleyane and maiden hair ferns, which extended from the floor to the ceiling. Overhead there was a canopy of green in the form of a shell lined with Scotch leather. In the background at the center was placed a large mirror framed with orchids and reflecting the scene. Above the mirror was a spray of orchids across a background of ferns and the corners of the canopy were caught with orchids. American beauty roses were on both sides of the canopy, beneath which was a prayer rug on which President Wilson and Mrs. Galt knelt for the ceremony.

Just at the hour set for the ceremony the president and his bride ap-

NEWS BRIEFS.

Port Huron township must refund to Port Huron Engine & Thresher Co. \$5,722.29 taxes paid under protest in 1912. This was the decision of Judge Law in circuit court.

Eaton Rapids' \$30,000 paving program for 1915, just completed, is likely to be repeated next year. Petitions for the expenditure of a similar amount are already being circulated.

Local option forces of Arenac county served a mandamus on the board of supervisors Thursday, through their clerk and chairman, to show cause why petitions for submission of the local option question at the spring election by the board which refused to submit them. The question will be argued before Judge Sharp next week.

Grain shipments from the middle west through Ludington have been halted because of a shortage of cars to carry the grain to the eastern markets. Grain shipments last month totalled 575 cars, as compared with 450 a year ago.

Elder William Herd, of the Kalamazoo Seventh Day Adventist church, has resigned his pastorate to fight the white slave traffic. Elder Herd declares he has quit the pulpit in order not to bring reflection on his church associates for anything he might do or say.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Daniel McGraw, aged 48, and single of near Jackson, was crushed by a tree which he fell Wednesday, dying the same night. He laid in the cold one and a half hours before found.

Owen A. Charles, of Munce, Ind., has been selected by the directors of the Traverse City chamber of commerce as secretary of the organization. He was elected from a list of 50 applicants. He began his active duties Thursday.

Washington—A deficiency appropriation of \$2,000,000 which Secretary Lane says is needed at the earliest possible moment to enable the continuation of construction of the Alaskan railroad was asked of congress Friday by Secretary McAdoo.

New York—About 600 horses intended for the British army were drowned late Friday afternoon when the barge containing 650 of the animals sank alongside of the British transport, Anglo-California. The transport was scheduled to sail with nearly 5,000 horses.

Berne, Switzerland—Camille de Coppel was Thursday elected president of the Swiss republic and Edmund Schultess vice-president. M. de Coppel is a former minister of justice and the present vice-president of the republic.

Chester, Pa.—Five persons were killed and 11 injured, one probably fatally, in a rear-end collision between an accommodation train bound from Wilmington to Chester and a train of empty express cars on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad Friday night at Felton, two miles south of this city.

SECOND ANCONA

NOTE IS CABLED

BREAK WITH AUSTRIA DEPENDS UPON ANSWERS FROM VIENNA.

STRONG AS FIRST LETTER

United States Refuses to Discuss Circumstances of Legality of Act of Submarine in Sinking Italian Liner.

Washington—The United States government's second note to Austria on the sinking of the Anconia was cabled to Vienna Sunday. Upon this communication depends whether or not diplomatic relations are to be continued with Austria-Hungary.

The United States has refused to discuss the circumstances of the legality of the submarine attack, and has declined to accede to Austria's request for a bill of particulars upon which original American demands were based.

As described by a high administration official, the note is every bit as strong as the first one addressed to the dual monarchy. This is taken here to mean that Austria must yield to the demands of the United States or at least repudiate the statement of her admiralty in regard to the details of the Anconia sinking if a rupture with the United States is to be avoided.

A prompt reply is requested, and officials are of the opinion that one will come within 10 days.

The demands of the United States, which are reiterated, are for disavowal, punishment of the submarine commander, and reparation by the payment of indemnity for the Americans killed and injured.

It can be said authoritatively, that the American government looks on the situation as grave and will await with considerable anxiety Vienna's next move. Any hope that exists in official circles that Austria will accede to the American demands seems to be based on the belief that Germany will bring pressure on her to affect an adjustment of the controversy.

As Washington views the situation, there is one loophole through which Austria may avert the crisis without immediately yielding to this government's demands. This might be accepted if the foreign office at Vienna should find itself able to repudiate the admiralty statement which confirmed the American evidence that the Anconia, while at a standstill, was torpedoed and sunk with passengers still on board.

That statement by the Austrian admiralty is the keystone one which the United States rests its case. As long as it stands unrepudiated this government will feel it has all the evidence necessary and that it can not enter into a discussion of other circumstances which are regarded as immaterial.

TO PROSECUTE LAND SHARKS

People Are Lured to Northern Peninsula and Sold Worthless Properties.

Manistique—Residents of Schoolcraft county and other sections of the upper peninsula are planning to assist state authorities who are endeavoring to stop the operations of land sharks who have misrepresented lands in this section and disposed of thousands of acres to farmers all over the United States. A fund to prosecute the "sharks" is proposed.

Many of the victims have come

here believing they had purchased

farmland, only to find it worthless

for farming purposes. Some of them

arrived here virtually penniless, and it



NEW YORK IMMIGRANT STATION

IF FIRST IMPRESSIONS ARE MOST LASTING, FOREIGNERS WHO ARRIVE IN AMERICA DURING THE JOYOUS CHRISTMAS SEASON WILL ALWAYS HAVE FOND MEMORIES OF OUR BIG HOSPITALITY



PRESENTS TO IMMIGRANT CHILDREN

But, as it is, these thoughts fit across the mind and are lost. So much attention is paid to making light the hearts of the new arrivals that there is no time for retrospection or sad memories. Should a ship arrive on Christmas eve, the day before or even on Christmas itself, immediately there begins a round of festivities. The happy times are not of one day's duration, but last clear until New Year's day. In the first place, a tree is usually erected at the docks, and here the regular ship visitors, with many of the city's social workers, and the new arrivals in finding their friends and distributing toys and candies to the children.

If one wants to see life in its various phases and the real Christmas spirit exemplified, this is the place to go, for here many happy holiday reunions take place—the greetings between husbands and wives, fathers and children, grown-up children and their aged parents, brothers and sisters and sweethearts. Each case has its own story and each holds its own interest.

There is no false modesty here, and the knowledge that other eyes are gazing on their greetings never mars the warmth and affection displayed in the tight embraces. Here, too, the customs of every country are brought into notice. Some kiss on one cheek and then on the other, while others prefer the more familiar method. Some men kiss one another as fervently as they do the women, while others merely clasp the hands of their relatives.

These scenes, it is true, take place at all times of the year, but the coming of Christmas seems to bring more joy into the meetings. There is a double reason for rejoicing, as the families are not only reunited, but are spending the holidays together once more.

In some cases the rejoicing is triple-fold, for many of the Christmas lasses come here at special pleadings and before the Yuletide sun has set will have become brides.

This year there will not be as many Christmas brides, for the girls living in the war-ridden countries will be needed at home to till the soil while their fathers and brothers are off to the front. Besides, the ships of the American lines are the only vessels reaching this port. This means that there will be a marked falling off in every type of foreigner, except those who are able to reach the English ports.

The cases of those who do come

FRUIT-PICKING DEVICE

To simplify the work of gathering fruit which does not necessarily require hand picking, a canvas apron device has been invented which in appearance is similar to a large umbrella. The device is described in Popular Mechanics Magazine. It is so arranged that it may be placed over the trunk of a tree, forming a funnel into which apples or oranges are caught as a tree is shaken. In

the center of the device is a cloth arranged in such manner as to break the fall of the fruit as it rolls into the chute and is discharged in baskets or boxes placed on the ground. The canvas is supported by radial arms which may be folded over one side to permit the device, which is mounted on a cart, to be wheeled between the various rows of trees in an orchard.

Where Courtships Are Long.

Young ladies in Russia are not at all averse to long engagements, and use all sorts of artifices to stave off the wedding day as long as possible, but in no country in the world are courtships so abnormally long as in Bohemia, where engagements commonly last from fifteen to twenty years. In fact, there recently died there, at the age of ninety-nine, an old man who had been courting for 75 years and who was married on his death bed.

LIVELIER TALKER THAN STEPPER

"Step lively," yelled a conductor to two old women who were trying to board a cross-town car at Broadway and Thirty-fourth street the other day. "Step lively there, will you?" he called again. "Step lively, you idiot," answered one of the old women; trying to pull herself up to the step of the car. "We look as if we could step lively now, don't we? Wait till you are as old as we are and see how lively

you will step; but you will never live to be so old. The fool killer will get you long before then."—New York Times.

DAILY THOUGHT.

The golden moments in the stream of life rush past us, and we see nothing but sand; the angels come to visit us, and we only know them when they are gone.—George Eliot.

The Kitchen Cabinet

Be square with yourself. The insincerity of others may hurt you, but can inflict no such injury as being insincere with yourself.

GOOD THINGS TO EAT.

The following are a few good dishes to serve at times of the gathering of the clans:

Jellied Chicken Sandwiches.—Chop the meat of a cold chicken with a stalk of celery, or put all through a food chopper. Season with a little grated onion and minced parsley. Soak one tablespoonful of granulated gelatin in a teaspoonful of water, then add six tablespoonsfuls of cream and heat over hot water until the gelatin is softened, and dissolved. Add the chicken meat, lemon juice, salt and paprika to taste; beat all together thoroughly and pour into a shallow pan, wet in cold water. Set on ice to chill, then cut in slices to fit the bread cut for sandwiches.

Roast Beef Salad.—Cut rare roast beef in thin slices and marinate with French dressing, to which a finely chopped onion has been added. Serve with pickled beets and lettuce.

Coffee Ice Cream.—Scald a pint of milk with half cupful of dry coffee. Strain into three slightly beaten eggs, one cupful of sugar and a fourth of a cupful of water ten minutes. Add one-half of a teaspoonful of vanilla and cool.

Marshmallow Sauce.—In the upper part of a double boiler put one-fourth of a pound of marshmallows. When melted, pour over it a syrup made by boiling one cupful of sugar and a fourth of a cupful of water ten minutes. Add one-half of a teaspoonful of vanilla and cool.

Roast Goose With Stuffing.—Prepare the goose as usual, washing in soda water to remove all objectionable oil and dust, wipe after rinsing and stuff with two finely chopped onions, one-fourth of a cupful of finely chopped pork, and combine with two cupfuls of hot mashed potatoes and one and a half cupfuls of bread crumbs. Add some of the fat of the goose chopped, using a third of a cupful; salt well, add one beaten egg, a teaspoonful of sage and a little black pepper.

A new stuffing for turkey which is recommended is the giblets chopped and mixed with cooked seasoned macaroni and used as any stuffing.

GOOD THINGS FOR WINTER.

For a chilly night what more grateful or appetizing odor could greet one than potato soup.

Potato Soup.—Cook three potatoes, three stalks of chopped celery and a quart of chicken stock together. Rub through a sieve when the vegetables are tender. Scald a pint of milk with a slice of onion, a blade of mace and a bit of bay leaf; strain and add three tablespoonsfuls each of butter and flour creamed together, cook five minutes. Combine mixtures, season to taste with salt, pepper and cayenne.

Spinach Omelet.—Make an omelet using four eggs, four tablespoonsfuls of milk, salt and pepper to taste. Have the omelet pan hot, put in a tablespoonful of butter, then turn in the egg mixture. As the egg sets lift with a knife around the edges. Fold the omelet and turn out on a bed of thick like marmalade. This is excellent conserve with cold meats, especially turkey and game.

SEASONABLE DISHES.

On these cold winter nights when a hot soup is most acceptable, the cheap onion soup is easily made and always appetizing.

Onion Soup.—To four good sized onions, chopped very fine, add two thin slices of bacon; cook slowly until the onions are soft and the bacon a light brown. Add two cupfuls of cold water and let come to a boil. Mash the onions with a spoon, add to the soup one and a half cupfuls of rich milk; season well with salt, pepper and a dash of cayenne. Thicken with a tablespoonful of flour mixed with a little milk; cook until the flour has time to be well cooked.

Frut Poly-Poly.—To two cupfuls of flour add a quarter of a teaspoonful of salt, four teaspoonsfuls of baking powder and a tablespoonful of shortening. Mix with cold water to a consistency to roll out thin. Take a cupful of canned peaches or pineapple, chopped, or any fresh fruit, spread the fruit on the rolled out crust and sprinkle with sugar, roll up as a jelly-roll and put into a deep round pan, well greased with butter. Add a half cupful of sugar with a tablespoonful of butter, cover with boiling water and put into the oven to bake until brown. The boiling water, sugar and butter make a sauce. Serve hot.

Roast Goose With Russian Stuffing.—Sing, draw and wash the goose in strong soda water, rinsing and wiping well. Dredge with flour and stuff with two cupfuls of tart apples, greenings or baldwins, and one cupful of raisins. This is a stuffing which will be delicious and quite different.

Tunny Fish Balls.—Pick the fish fine and add to the mashed potatoes while they are hot, taking two-thirds as much potato as fish. Add plenty of butter, salt and pepper and fry in deep fat.

Cranberry Ice.—Cook a quart of cranberries in a pint of water six minutes. Strain through a cheesecloth, and a pint of sugar and stir until dissolved. When cool add the juice of two lemons and freeze to a mush. This will serve a dozen sherbet cups.

Neck and Neck.—Would-Be Hunter—Here I am, tied to my desk, during the hunting season. Wish I was a young bachelor minister just after Christmas!

Hig Friend—Elucidate?

W. B. H.—Oh, I might be able to exchange some of the ties.—Albany Argus.

The Idea.

"I see where a very clever dog is the star of a play lately produced."

"I suppose they did that to make it a howling success."

POSTSCRIPTS

English naval vessels given corrugated hulls for experimental purposes are said to be economical of fuel, to have more cargo room, to be stronger and to be less sensitive to wave motion.

An education scheme which has been under way in Siam for twenty years has led to the laying of the foundation of Bangkok university's first buildings, for arts, medicine and engineering.

To prevent the vibration of small craft using detachable motors an inventor has mounted his motor on a separate float that can be fastened behind a boat or canoe.

The Philippine bureau of agriculture has begun a thorough study of the banana, botanically and commercially, and has collected banana plants from all over the world.

A floor scrubbing implement has been invented that is supplied with water through a tube from a faucet and carries a supply of soap in a container through which the water

flows. Government experts estimate that of the 26,000,000 horsepower which it is possible to develop hydroelectrically in the United States, 19,000,000 horsepower lies west of the Rockies.

A Motorist's Wall.

"In some countries the automobile regulations get you, no matter what you do."

"What got you?"

"A Plunkville cop arrested me on a recent run. Charged me with having dazzling lights in front and dim lights in the rear. How are you going to please em?"

Concerning the Remaking of Suits



It is a good idea to buy an extra yard or so of the material selected for a tailored suit, in order that the coat or skirt, or both, may be altered and the suit remodeled. Good fabrics outlast styles, and a suit is often regrettably consigned to the discard, not because it is worn but because styles have changed since it was made.

A suit that is required to do more than one season's service without any alteration should be conservative in style. A plain skirt of medium fullness, and a box coat or one of the plain, semifitted models, if well made of good material and fine finish, is never out of the running.

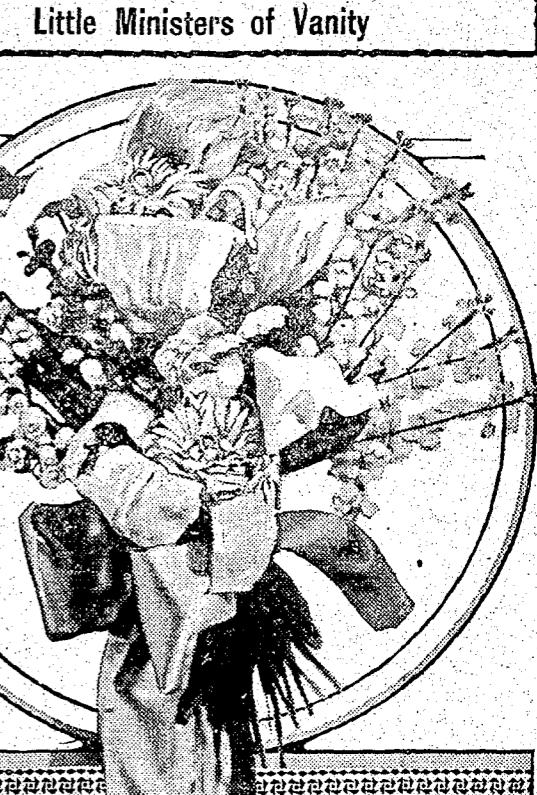
A good model to follow in remaking a suit is shown in the picture given here. The skirt is made with an inverted panel set in at the back and front, and a narrow skirt may be widened by the addition of such panels. Another good plan for widening a narrow skirt is to split it up at each side to the swell of the hip. Here it is

trimmed to form a yoke, and an extra piece is set in at each side by shirring or plaiting it to the yoke. The fashion for short skirts help make the way easy in altering them, and borders at the bottom and bands set on are useful for the same purpose.

Coats have been brought up to date this season by the addition of full skirts, set on at the waist line, and by belts and pockets made in the new mode. A collar and cuffs in another fabric help out in the transformation, and buttons supplement these with the smartest of finishing touches.

It is a great satisfaction to convert an old style into a new one. Whether one is compelled to be economical or not a remade suit made of good cloth adds variety to the wardrobe and admits of the exercise of the individual taste in design.

Artificial feathers for millinery, made of fur, have been invented by a Boston man.



Someone whose occupation, or business, is the thinking up of pretty things must have turned her attention recently to artificial flowers. For these cunning copies of nature's beauty-wonders are compelling attention everywhere because they are used in new and unusual ways. We are used to seeing them in corsage bouquets and replacing natural flowers in the limousine. We are familiar with them in girdles about the waist, and in wreaths about the hair, but these are only mere beginnings of their usefulness as it has been lately developed.

Everywhere little blossoms nestle in bows and rosettes of maline or lace, ornamenting collars and cuffs. They dangle, in place of ribbons, in hanging sprays from the girdle. They are perched in bright sprays on the party or the shopping bag, and they adorn the pincushion, the perfume bottle and the powder puff.

A small bouquet set in a frill of gauze and suspended by narrow ribbons that are tied about the wrist is the latest adjunct but one of the party gown. And that one is the spray of flowers which finishes an adorable ankle of maline that is tied above the cuff to fly with the feet of the

Julia Bottomly

fashioned as the birds themselves. The sides of the scarf are embellished with a conventional border formed of solid and outline stitches.

A pillow displaying the same design would complete a very attractive set for somebody's library.

Many Like Him.

"Ever notice how Jones butts into a conversation?" "Yes; he always thinks his particular train of thought has the right of way."—Boston Transcript.

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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 23

ENTERTAIN IN HONOR OF D. W.
DONOHUE.

Local Industrial Firms Give Com-
plimentary Dinner.

(Continued from first page.)

This seemed to be a cue to further
remarks and Rev. Father Riess took
advantage of the opportunity and on
behalf of the hosts of the evening—
Salling, Hanson Co.; R. Hanson and
Sons; Kerry & Hanson Flooring Co.,
and the Johannesburg Manufacturing
Co., presented Mr. Donohue with a
beautiful pin, studded with a fine
large diamond and six pearls, mounted
in platinum.

No doubt Mr. Donohue had expected
to be called upon to make a few re-
marks and was prepared, but this
quite upset him for a moment. He
accepted the gift very gracefully and
modestly tried to apologize for the
many times that he had fallen short
in giving the local shippers the qual-
ity of car service to which they were
entitled.

R. Hanson and T. W. Hanson gave
short talks of appreciation of Mr. Don-
ohue as a citizen and also of the man-
ner in which he had conducted the
affairs of his office, and extended their
best wishes for his success in the fu-
ture.

The gentlemen then retired to the
parlor and enjoyed smoking, conver-
sation and cards, and it was almost
eleven o'clock before the last guests
departed.

Mr. Donohue came to Grayling in
April of 1914, and took charge of
affairs at the Trainmaster's office,
with jurisdiction over the lines be-
tween Bay City and Macinaw City.
The work is pretty heavy on this line
for it covers many logging and other
side lines, besides the main line, and
the freight traffic is so heavy that it
requires a great deal of ability to keep
the shippers supplied with cars and
train service to get them hauled
away. This Mr. Donohue has done
in a most creditable manner.

While he has worked faithfully to
give service to the many shippers, he
was everlastingly working for the in-
terest of the Michigan Central, with
the consequent results that his meth-
ods were best for all concerned.

Another compliment, richly de-
served, is the loyalty and esteem in

which he is held by the employees of
the road. From the office boy to those
in authority, all speak highly of Mr.
Donohue. One railroad man says,
"He's the best man that ever worked
under, and I worked under a lot of
them." Expressions that "He's a
good fellow" (pardon the insinuation,
but this speaks volumes, coming from
some men,) may be heard often. Mr.
Donohue's friends seem to include all
with whom he comes in contact.

The fact that the Michigan Central
has seen fit to transfer Mr. Donohue
to other fields, prompted this gathering
and combined to make a fitting
farewell reception. He will be placed
in charge of the Michigan Central
lines running between Detroit and
Jackson and Detroit and Bay City, as
superintendent, a similar position to
that held by M. C. Coyl on the Mack-
inaw division. This a nice promotion
and will take effect January 1st. His
successor locally has not been an-
nounced.

Out of town guests present were
Frank Michelson, manager of the
Johannesburg Mfg. Co., of Johannesburg,
T. E. Douglas, of Lovells and
C. T. Clark of the du Pont Co., Bay
City.

Mercy Hospital Notes.

Mrs. George Nichols was dismissed
from Mercy hospital last Thursday,
feeling much improved. She returned
to her home in Gaylord the same
day.

Mrs. Mary Sova, who has been at
the hospital for several days was dis-
missed Tuesday and returned to her
home near Cheboygan.

Wm. Hunt of Red Oak returned to
his home the fore part of the week
after being a patient at Mercy hos-
pital for a week.

Chris Huse of Frederic arrived at
Mercy hospital Tuesday to undergo an
operation.

Frank Nowacyek has returned to
his home in Gaylord, after being at
Mercy hospital with a fractured limb.

Eli Brancho was dismissed from
Mercy hospital this week.

John Chattlin of Wolverine is still
at Mercy hospital.

Tony Nelson entered the hospital
last week, Saturday for medical treat-
ment.

Elmer Woods was also admitted to
Mercy hospital last Saturday for treat-
ment, being seriously ill.

Charles Demankowski of Detroit, who
has been at Sigma is getting along
nicely, as the results of an operation
for appendicitis, that was performed
last week.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gibbs of Hetherton
entered the hospital Tuesday for med-
ical treatment.

Santa Claus again at Brenner's.

The Avalanche
wishes a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year
to Everyone, Every-
where, and For-
ever.

Local News

Toys at Brenner's.
Conklin and Laughlin self-filling
Mountain Pens, at Hathaway's.

\$8.00 fine all leather traveling bags
at \$6.00, at Brenner's.

The place to buy your Xmas. Can-
dies is at Holliday's Bazaar. Stock
fresh and prices right.

And now the dear little aristocratic
bright-eyes are wearing fur boas on
their booties. Oh my!

Dr. S. N. Insley was called to Gay-
lord last Saturday in consultation
with one of the local doctors at that
place.

There will be Christmas services in
the Danish Lutheran church Friday
evening at 7:00 o'clock, also Saturday
morning at 10:30 o'clock.

And now the dear constituents will
receive sundry copies of fervid and
oratorical speeches which Congress-
man So and So never delivered.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McCullough will
arrive in the city Friday to spend
Christmas with the former's parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McCullough.

There will be a dance and oyster
supper at the home of Alton Brott in
Beaver Creek, Saturday night, Dec
25th. You are cordially invited—
come and bring your friends. 12-16-2

The local schools closed Wednes-
day for the Holiday vacation and the
pupils were instructed to return Janu-
ary 10th and report at the new school
building. It is with extreme pleasure
that the teachers and pupils received
this notice.

Local theatre goers are looking for-
ward to Christmas night when "The
Nigger" will be presented. A rumor
has been afloat that children under
the age of sixteen years will be ex-
cluded from attendance, but Manager
Gison says that this is not true.
This is a much discussed picture and
no doubt will draw a big attendance.

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toilet waters. These make fine pres-
ents.

A. M. Lewis.

Mrs. E. D. Borchers' son Clare,
spent a couple of days of last week in
Bay City.

Invitations are being sent out for
the annual ball of the Loyal Order of
Moose, to be held at the Temple the
New year's night.

The Danish church will hold their
annual Christmas exercises and Christ-
mas tree at Danebod Hall Monday
evening, Dec. 27th at 7:00 o'clock.

Mrs. Johanna Henrickson is assist-
ing in the post office during the Holiday
rush. It seems as natural as ever
to see her at the delivery window.

During several weeks past the mem-
bers of the Good Fellowship club have
been collecting donations for Christ-
mas boxes to be distributed among
the needy families for Christmas.

There has been a liberal response by
our citizens generally, many of whom
contributed money, as well as wearing
apparel, fuel, furniture, etc. That
there will be Christmas cheer in every
family in Grayling is certain, much
to the credit of the Club members who
looked after this noble work, and to
those who so cheerfully and liberally
contributed. This work cannot help
but make us feel proud and happy to
live in such a community where self-
lessness stands paramount with the high
principles of our people. Now let us
seal this by resolving that no unkind
thought or deed escapes us upon this day
and that we will let no opportunity
pass to extend cheer and good will to
every living creature.

DuPont News Items.

Chas. Carlson will spend Xmas with
his parents in Bay City.

Superintendent Miller Rose will
spend Christmas with his family in
Bay City.

General Manager C. T. Clark has
been here since Friday assisting to
get the plant in operation.

Theodore Baker, an expert still man
of Wilmington, Del., the home plant,
has been here since Friday and left
for home Tuesday.

Up to date there has been three
hundred and forty-four cords of wood
carbonized and the quality of gases and
charcoal found to be of the very
best.

Every department of the du Pont
factory is now in operation and the
apparatus found to be O. K. with ex-
ception of minor adjustments. The
still house has been turning out a
quantity of crude alcohol. This will
undergo a process of refining later,
which will also be done at the local
plant.

Appreciation.

In appreciation of the generous pa-
tronage of the Park improvement enter-
tainment, last Friday evening, at the
Opera house, I hereby wish to
thank the public; and also those who
took part and assisted in making the
affair a success.

PHILIP G. ZALSMAN.

Lovells.

George Kueff was in town on busi-
ness Thursday.

E. H. Parker went to Grayling Mon-
day to join the Moose lodge.

Mrs. A. J. Caid has been on the
sick list the past week.

Announcements have been received
of the wedding of Harriet May Bills
and Claude Burton Smith which took
place at the home of the bride, Wed-
nesday, Dec. 15, Rev. Kenny of Rose-
common officiating. They will be at
home to their friends in Rosecommon
after Feb. 1, 1916. All Lovells friends
extend their congratulations.

T. E. Douglas went to Grayling
Monday of this week.

E. S. Houghton and Ed. Feldhauser
of Grayling spent a couple of days at
Lovells last week and while here spent
a day looking over timber pros-
pects in company with T. E. Douglas.

A much appreciative Christmas gift
was presented Mr. and Mrs. J. Bowers
when our townsmen turned out and
cut and hauled ten cords of good
wood one day last week.

Sanford Griffin, who was so severely
burned was taken Ann Arbor last
Friday for medical treatment. He
was accompanied by his wife and
George Spaw. While his condition
is serious, physicians report strong
hopes of his recovery.

John Sargent of West Branch came
back Monday to finish the repair work
on the mill.

School will close Thursday for the
Christmas vacation of two weeks.

The Larkins Soap club met at the
home of Mrs. Archie Swan Monday
afternoon.

A very pleasant afternoon was
spent by the members of the sewing
club at the home of Mrs. E. McCormick
last Thursday. Fifteen dainty
members were present and after a dainty
lunch was served, the hostess was
presented with a very pretty towel as
her souvenir.

Riverview.

More snow than we know what to do
with.

A. Rutherford shipped a car load of
lumber to Mr. Schneider of Battle
Creek.

Misses Looper and Jetta Grover and
brother Harry were in Grayling Fri-
day.

Bob Barnhart and Miss Jessie White
attended the show in Grayling Thurs-
day night.

Mr. Grover has a fine yoke of oxen
for skidding logs.

Miss V. Bronwell went to Simeon
Tuesday.

He who profits by the mistakes of
others will make the mistakes him-
self to profit by.

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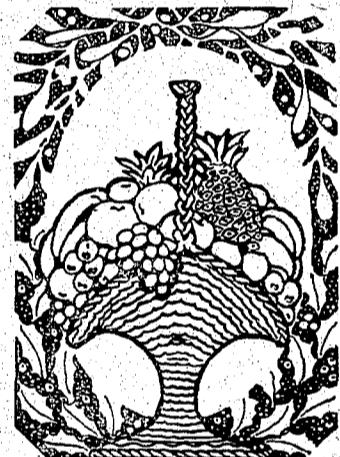
To please a man is not
difficult. Men are practi-
cally common-sense crea-
tures and they like practical
things—particularly things
to wear. But of course the
gifts should be good.

If you give him a Tie—
see that it is a beauty. Same
with Shirts, Gloves, Hos-
sery, Shoes, Slippers, Etc.

Groceries for Your Christmas Dinner

We Are Ready For You

We are ready to do our part toward that big
Christmas dinner you are whetting your appetite
for. Come right along and get the Groceries.
We have stocked up for the occasion and have
some special Christmas delicacies that will please
you.



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The Pioneer Store

Frederick School Notes.

Pupils in Miss Cameron's room made
calendars for their mothers this week.

Marie Brown is back to school after
a week of sickness.

Elton Pratt is a new pupil in the

third grade.

Don't miss the great school fair at
the Opera house January 15, 1916.

After winning three straight games
the Basket Ball boys were defeated by
West Branch Friday night.

Coasting is the sport "we" love the
best. Oh, Boys?

The primary children are decorating
their rooms with bells and stars.

Examinations are being held in the

High school this week.

Christmas vacation starts Friday
noon.

Owen Cameron visited school Tues-
day.

Pupils and teachers are very busy

up their reputation for punctuality by
coming around every year as usual.

Seventeen-year locusts are keeping

up their reputation for punctuality by
coming around every year as usual.

In the summer, when cool, white
materials



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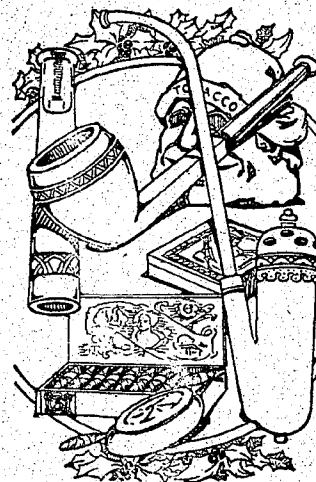
A specially fine White Ivory Hair Brush at

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A good cigar will keep any man happy. We have all the leading brands—we will help you to select the kind of a cigar he smokes. Standard brands of Cigars in plain and Xmas boxes. \$1.00 to \$4.00 per box. Pipes, all styles from 25c up to \$5.00.

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Also Toilet Waters—they are among the many desirable things for Christmas presents. Do not overlook the many attractive articles in our Perfume and Toilet Article departments.

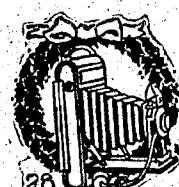
Tinker Toys

We have the newest things in Tinker Toys, for building all kinds of miniature structures. They interest the father as well as the children. There should be a set in every home.

FANCY CHRISTMAS CALENDARS, SEALS, TAGS, STICKERS, etc., and CREPES and TISSUES

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No home is quite complete without a Camera or Kodak. They record the history of a family better than in any other way. Our line of Ansco Cameras in adjustable and universal focus meet the high endorsement of the professional and the amateur. Prices from \$2.00 to \$25.00. We carry a full line of Films and other Photo Supplies.



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Nail Files, Buffers and Complete Manicuring Sets

Fountain Pens

Here again we offer a suggestion that as a Christmas gift finds a ready welcome to the pocket of any man. A good fountain pen, like the Sheaffer (self-filling) seems to be appropriate to both men and women. We will be glad to explain them to you when you come to the store. Prices from \$1.00 to \$4.00.

Thermos Bottles All sizes and prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$3.00 each.

Do not wait until the last minute—come in to-day and buy some of these fine Christmas gifts. If desired we will lay them away for later delivery.

A. M. Lewis,

DRUGGIST
Phone 18

Crawford Avalanche

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 23

Local News

A Merry Christmas to you! Many more Merry Christmases, too! And may they be even more than merry!

Cameras from \$2 to \$25. A. M. Lewis. Your clothes cleaned and pressed right, at Brenner's.

A bright mind can always advance a new thought. Speak up!

"Merry Christmas" is good in the story. Let's make it as in fact.

Merry Christmas! May you live to hear it yet many years to come.

No, Henry Ford didn't take a "press agent" with him. He took fifty reporters instead.

A few more days and we will be ushering in a new year to bless and a new grit of bills to cuss.

Mrs. Cameron Game and daughter, Joyce left Monday for Marion to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Wanted—the people of Grayling to come and look over our Xmas novelties, Kodaks, China, Toys etc. Sorrenson Bros.

This is the season of the year when we pity the poor woman who takes in washing in order to pay her husband's booze bill.

"What to wear and how to wear it" is easily solved by the coy and winsome maiden. But how to pay for it is a poser to bluff old dad.

What a glorious thing it would be if 1916 could find this town without a knocker, and with everyone a boaster. And it could, if you would.

Misses Lois Larive and Willa Ochs of the Mercy hospital training force spent a part of last week at their respective homes in Roscommon.

Finest assortment of white ivory goods we ever had. A- to see our special offer of a white ivory hair brush for \$2.50. A. M. Lewis.

Mrs. John Johnson, left last Monday for Clarissa, Minnesota, to visit her son, C. P. Johnson, for a short time, and afterwards will visit in other cities.

A number of copies of 1915 Michigan Manuals, have appeared in the city. One lot came thru the courtesy of Representative Harry H. Whitley, of Millersburg.

Yes, girlie, your dear old grandmother may have smoked a clay pipe in secret, but she didn't powder her nose or show a yard of her stocking in public.

Miss Eva Carriveau arrived from Miss Eva Carriveau arrived from City last Thursday to spend Christmas at her home. Edward Carriveau, is also home from Flint to spend the holidays.

The schools will close today for a two weeks vacation for the holidays. Most of the teachers will leave tomorrow for their several homes to enjoy the holiday festivities.

The celebration of Christmas is presumed to be in honor of the birth of Christ, but quite often we slip a mental cog and it becomes a wild jamboree in the service of the devil.

Miss Elvira Rasmussen expects to leave this afternoon for Detroit for a two week's visit with her sisters, Mrs. Roy Newton and Miss Edna Rasmussen, who reside in that city.

Invitations have been received by several in the city to attend the 22nd annual ball given by the Knights of Pythias of Gaylord, in that village Friday evening, December 31st.

Miss Laura Simpson arrived from Laurium, Mich., Upper Peninsula, the latter part of the week to spend the holidays at her home here. Miss Simpson teaches in the schools at Laurium.

The fixtures for the restaurant to be opened by the Messrs. Clyde King and John Hodge in the near future in one of the new buildings owned by Victor Salling, arrived Monday and are being installed.

Miss Flora Borchers entertained the Grayling Thursday club last Thursday evening. The members were industriously employed with sewing and crocheting. Before leaving the guests enjoyed a serve-self luncheon and toasted marshmallows.

The funeral of Nils Peter Larson was held last Thursday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock from the home, Rev. Kjelde officiating. The funeral was conducted by the Danish Brotherhood of which the deceased was a member, and was attended by a crowd of sympathizing friends. Internment was made in Elmwood cemetery.

The Junior Aid was pleasantly entertained last Saturday evening by Miss Mildred Corwin. After the business transactions, the girls were engaged in a nut guessing contest, in which, Mrs. J. H. Wingard won the prize. After the entertainment a dainty lunch was served by the hostess.

The annual meeting for the payment of dues and election of officers was held at Grayling Masonic Lodge Thursday of last week. The following were elected for the ensuing year:

W. M.—Frank Freeland.

S. W.—Efron Matson.

J. W.—Frank Sales.

Secretary—George Olson.

Treasurer—R. D. Comine.

S. D.—Charles Schreck.

J. D.—Charles Abbott.

We buy hides and furs at Brenner's Stationery, pennants, etc. A. M. Lewis.

A year of depression, and yet one of plenty. Ever seen a like before?

Sheaffers' self-filling fountain pens. None better. \$1 to \$4. A. M. Lewis.

A. C. Wilcox left the fore part of the week for an extended visit in Bay City, Detroit and other cities.

Fire insurance is too cheap to be without. Why are you so negligent?

GEO. L. ALEXANDER & SON.

Crouching, shivering, freezing, digging in the trenches on Christmas Day!

Fortunate is the land that has the physical strength to avert war.

Taxes are now due and the rolls for the collection of state and county taxes are now at the Bank of Grayling, ready to receive payments.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's clothing cleaned, pressed and all kinds of alterations. Also fur's remodeled. Next to G. A. R. M. Weingard, Tailor.

Earl Dawson has taken the pool and billiard tables from out of the back room at the restaurant and will install dining tables for ladies. An entrance place for ladies is being arranged so that they will not have to pass thru the front part of the restaurant. The place is being re-painted and cleaned up generally.

The election laws passed by the last legislature will make some material changes in the methods of holding conventions and caucuses which will go into effect in time to be available at the coming Spring election. One of the most important is the law which provides that all conventions, caucuses and primaries must be held at least twenty days before election.

The Avalanche in its issue of last week, made a mistake in announcing the newly elected officers of Grayling Lodge K. of P. The corrected list is as follows:

C. C.—Emil Hanson.

V. C.—Glen Smith.

Prelate—Fred Alexander.

K. of R. & S.—Abi Joseph.

M. of F.—George W. McCullough.

M. of E.—Allen B. Failling.

M. of W.—E. S. Houghton.

M. of A.—P. L. Brown.

I. G.—Emil Giebling.

O. G.—John Hodge.

Owes Her Good Health to Chamberlain's Tablets

"I owe my good health to Chamberlain's Tablets," writes Mrs. R. G. Neff, Crookston, Ohio. "Two years ago I was an invalid due to stomach trouble. I took three bottles of these Tablets and have since been in the best of health." Obtainable everywhere.



Order Your Coal Now

It's a Keep Warm Insurance against the cold weather. The cold days this winter will tell you whether the Coal, with which you're filling your bins, will give the comfort and satisfaction you expected.

To escape regrets it's wise to remember that it's the heat producing qualities in coal that count.

We have a full stock of all kinds of Hard and Soft Coal and Coke always on hand.

Phone 713

J. M. BUNTING.



Altho we came to Grayling strangers first of this month, the patronage given us has exceeded our fondest hopes. We have had to work day and night to complete orders. We heartily thank you and wish all a Merry Christmas.

Close Photo Co.

New Studio

Grayling, Michigan



Cut Flowers

Carnations, pink and white, \$1.00 per dozen. Carnations, red, \$1.25 per dozen. Sweet Peas 25c per dozen.

Potted Plants

Cyclamen, Poinsettias, Azalias, Callas, Boston Ferns, Jerusalem Cherry, Begonia, Primroses.

Wreaths

Wax, Metal, Cycas Leaves, Magnolia Leaves, \$1.00 up

Smilax, Lettuce, Parsley

Place your orders for Red Carnations early. Not later than December 20. Telephone or call on us.

Grayling Greenhouses

Greenhouses open from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m. Sundays and holidays to 9:30 a. m.



To Our Customers:

With the approach of the Christmas holiday season of 1915, I wish to take opportunity of thanking our many customers for the liberal patronage extended to us during the year just drawing to a close. It is indeed with feeling of deep gratitude we realize that our success is not so much the result of our personal endeavor as it is the continued patronage of our many friends and customers.

It is, therefore, with the utmost sincerity we grasp this opportunity to express our thanks and gratitude and to extend to each and every one our heartiest and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and may the dawn of the New Year light your path to Happiness and Prosperity.

Sincerely,

H. Petersen,

Grayling, Michigan

The Grocer

A Man With An Appetite

IN THE WHITE HOUSE

How Presidents of Past Enjoyed Christmas Holidays.

No Celebration by John Quincy Adams Because He Regarded Religious Festival as a Foolish Extravagance.

According to history the only president of the United States who did not celebrate Christmas (because he regarded it as a foolish extravagance) was John Quincy Adams, "the most economical man known in public life."

Mrs. John Adams, the wife of the second president of the United States, had a most discouraging time trying to make merry in the White House during the Christmas holidays. (She was the first wife of a president to celebrate Christmas in the executive mansion in Washington, for the president and Mrs. Washington were always at Mount Vernon for the holidays.) She had no dominating sense of economy, but it was the White House itself that was shabby, and a Christmas reception given to the members of congress by the president proved, from her point of view, to be a ghastly failure.

President Jefferson was a widower with four daughters, and during his second administration Martha, the eldest, was the head of her father's household, and made Christmas the happy and festive occasion it was designed to be from that time when the stars stood still above the manger in Bethlehem.

There were trees, and decorations, and all sorts of entertainments for the children of the official families, as well as gifts for the poor of the capital.

Although the Madisons did not spend all of their Christmases in the White House, on account of the little historical interruption by the British, when they occupied other quarters for a time, the brilliant Dolley managed a record for holiday hospitality and merrymaking that has never been surpassed.

When Andrew Jackson came to the White House he was bowed and broken by the death of his wife and depressed by political animosities. He had neither heart nor the slightest inclination for holiday celebrations, yet he pulled himself together at Christmas time, and saw to it that the day meant something happy to those in the White House.

In the meantime the Monroe administration was marked by nothing in the way of holiday celebrations beyond what was conventionally prescribed, and after President Jackson's efforts at keeping the spirit of Christmas in spite of his own personal sorrows, President Harrison did not live to see a Christmas in the White House.

Mrs. Tyler lived to celebrate only one Christmas in the White House. After her second marriage the Tyler administration was noted for its brilliant entertainments. Whether it was Christmas or any other time of the year, hospitalities were dispensed in the old Virginia style, and there was no stint of merrymaking at the White House.

The Polk administration reverted to the grim and practical idea of John Quincy Adams. Perhaps it was not economy that changed the Christmas celebration at the White House; it is difficult to define the reason why President Polk did not make the holidays a festive event in the executive mansion; it may have been the temperament of the chief executive; perhaps it was because Mrs. Polk did not believe in the gay and festive way of celebrating the holidays, as, according to intimate history, she did not.

President Zachary Taylor, brilliant figure in military history, who had no chance whatever in the social history of the White House, because he died in little more than a year after he had taken his seat as president of the United States, and spent only one Christmas in the White House, bequeathed his administration to the Fillmores, people pitifully distinguished by sorrow and in no way adapted to the social obligations of the great national responsibility of sustaining the political and social obligations of the White House.

"Shortly after becoming president," someone writes of President Fillmore, "his wife died, and a year later a daughter, an only child, passed to the great eternity."

A CHRISTMAS HYMN

No trumpet of marching armies,
No banners flaming fair;
A lamp within a stable
And in the sky a Star.

Their hymns of peace and gladness
To earth the angels brought,
Their Gloria in Excelsis
To earth the angels taught;

When in the lowly manger
The Holy Mother laid
In tender adoration
Her Babe of heaven laid.

Born lowly in the darkness,
And none as poor as he,
The little children of the poor
His very own shall be.

No rush of hostile armies then,
But just the huddling sheep,
The angels singing of the Christ
And at the world asleep.

No flame of conquering banners,
No legions sent afar;
A lamp within a stable
And in the sky a Star!

Margaret E. Manchester, in Collier's Weekly.

Crawford County Farm Products On Display in Bay City.

In a bulletin issued by the Northeastern Michigan Development Bureau, Bay City received consignment of Crawford County farm products for display purposes at the Bureau's office. The products had previously been on exhibit at the Crawford County Farmers' Institute, and were sent to the Bureau through the direction of L. B. Merrill, president of the association.

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"The products have been arranged in an attractive manner in the large display window at headquarters in Bay City and they are daily drawing much attention. Travellers from all parts of the country have been attracted by the show and they have made many favorable comments.

"T. F. Marston, secretary of the Bureau says: 'Mr. Merrill and the members of the Crawford County Farmers' Institute have the real boosting spirit and they send the quality of produce that "pulls attention."

"The Bureau stands ready to do all possible to make every county in Northeastern Michigan better known to people outside the district. It desires, especially, to make farmers in southern Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio realize the possibilities and opportunities of farming here and spares no effort in accomplishing this work through advertising. Crawford County has been aiding consistently and is reaping benefit."

The Ten Commandments for Christmas Giving

By HARVEY PEAKE

THOU shalt love the giver of the gift, because he has sent the gift.

2. Thou shalt remember first the very young and the very old.

3. Thou shalt buy within thy means, remembering the spirit of the gift and not the value.

4. Thou shalt not become a party to the mere exchange of gifts. Let thy heart go with each and every present or present sent.

5. Thou shalt make such gifts as they may warrant, inasmuch as the work of thy hands gives added value to the offering.

6. Thou shalt fit up no bitter remembrances with a gift, but only peace and good will.

7. Thou shalt have thy gifts ready several days before the time of delivery, that the immediate days before Christmas may be filled with peace and happiness, and not with tumult and frenzy.

8. Thou shalt seek the abodes of the poor and friendless with such wholesome gifts as may cheer and nourish their hungry bodies and hearts.

9. Thou shalt not grieve over thy gifts. Thou shalt show thy gratitude in more sincere ways.

10. Thou shalt, at earliest opportunity, give written or verbal thanks for such kindnesses as thy friends may have bestowed upon thee at Christmas.

TWO TOTS IN A TOY SHOP

Little Denny Was Almost Beyond Hope in the Eyes of His Older Sister, Aged Six.

She was six if she was a day; she had a little fat back in a little black coat and her wisps of red hair matched her red tam-o'-shanter. In her firm hand she held a struggling boy about a year younger, and they were getting into the elevator at a big department store and making for "toys."

Children are not allowed, unaccompanied by guardians, in most large shops, but such was her air of responsibility, of decorum, that it would have been a bold floorwalker who dared to question her.

Not, evidently, was it her first visit. The boy, still held in leash, ran in front and made straight for the space devoted to Santa Claus, his reindeer and his sleigh, piled with toys.

There was a background of fir and cedar and a huge Christmas tree, but the pair sat down before the fascinating old fellow in his red robe, his long white beard, holding his big whip, and from his face the small boy did not turn from worshipping in solemn adoration.

Across the room was a creche; also a wonderful and beautiful thing. The infant Jesus in the manger, the mother in her blue robes, St. Joseph, with his staff, the three kings resplendent. The children had been perfectly still for fifteen minutes looking at Santa Claus, when the little girl whispered to the boy. He squirmed, struggled, but she was too much for him. She dislodged him from his seat dragged him to the creche, and with motherly, Irish pliety, pressed him on his knees.

Reverently she described the holy group, then would incite devotion from a more human motive.

"See the cow, Denny; you mind the cow we used to milk last summer at the farm when we went on the fresh air? See the goat, Denny; you mind the goat in our alley? It's his pitcher." But Denny whined and pulled and pulled to be back again to his idol.

The little girl looked up. Her sigh was that given by every woman since the beginning, for every man for whose soul she holds herself responsible.

"Denny," she said, "Denny likes Santa Claus better than he likes God."

Laughter Aids Digestion.

Laughter is one of the most healthful exertions; it is of great help to digestion. A still more effectual help is a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets. If you should be troubled with indigestion give them a trial. They only cost a quarter. Obtainable everywhere.

Trappers

I will buy your raw furs and pay the best market price.

CHARLES WILSON

AN IRREPRESSIBLE BOY



CRAWFORD AVALANCHE

NOTICE.
To the owner or owners of any and all interests in or liens upon the land herein described:

Take notice that sale has been lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes thereon, and that the undersigned has title thereto under tax deed or deeds issued therefor, and that you are entitled to a reconveyance of the roof at any time within six months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the undersigned or to the Register in Chancery of the county in which the lands lie or of sums paid upon such purchase together with one hundred per cent additional thereto, and the fees or costs of publication of this notice, to be computed as upon personal service of suit, and the further sum of five dollars for each description without other additional cost or charges. If payment as aforesaid is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings to possess of the land.

Description of land situated in Crawford County, State of Michigan, N.W. of S.E. 1/4, S. 1/2, Twp. 26 N., Range 2 W. Amount paid \$5.60, tax for year 1908.

N.W. of S.E. 1/4, Section 13, Town 26 N., Range 2 W. Amount paid \$7.76, tax for year 1911.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$31.72, to which must be added the fees of the sheriff.

Yours respectfully,
FREDERIC THOMAN.

Place of business: No. 123 E. Ottawa St., Lansing, Michigan. Dated March 7, A. D. 1914.

To S. H. Webster;

Grantee under the last recorded deed in the regular chain of title, to said land.

John W. Burke of Frederic, Mich., Grantee under the last recorded tax deed to said land issued by the Auditor General.

Proof of failure of service.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
County of Crawford
STATE OF MICHIGAN
County of Saginaw ss.

I do hereby certify and return, that after making careful inquiry and search I am unable to ascertain the whereabouts or post office address of Walter A. Hocking, or of his heirs, or of any executor or administrator.

My fees, S. H. Webster, Sheriff of said county, W. W. Cody, Sheriff of said county, 12-23-4

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Description of land situated in Crawford County, State of Michigan, N.W. of S.W. 1/4, Section 13, Town 26 N., Range 2 W. Amount paid \$5.23, tax for 1911.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$16.44, to which must be added the fees of the sheriff.

Yours respectfully,
ORLANDO F. BARNES.

Residence: South Branch township, Crawford County.

Place of business: 137 West Main Street, Lansing, Michigan.

Dated August 16, A. D. 1915.

To Walter A. Hocking;

Grantee under the last recorded deed in the regular chain of title, to said land.

William M. Thompson,

Grantee under the last recorded tax deed to said land issued by the Auditor General.

Proof of failure of service.

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County of Saginaw ss.

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Description of land situated in Crawford County, State of Michigan, N.W. of S.W. 1/4, Section 6, Town 26 N., Range 4 W. Amount paid \$2.61 tax for year 1910.

S.W. of S.W. 1/4, Section 6, Town 26 N., Range 4 W. Amount paid \$3.08 tax for year 1911.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$22.42, to which must be added the fees of the sheriff.

Yours respectfully,
ORLANDO F. BARNES.

Residence: South Branch township, Crawford County.

Place of business: 137 West Main Street, Lansing, Michigan.

Dated August 23, A. D. 1915.

To Alon B. Failing, Grayling, Mich.

Grantee under the last recorded deed in the regular chain of title, to said land.

Alfred H. Mallory, Chicago, Illinois, Mortgagor named in all undischarged recorded Mortgages on said land.

Proof of failure of service.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
County of Crawford
STATE OF MICHIGAN
County of Saginaw ss.

I do hereby certify and return, that after making careful inquiry and search I am unable to ascertain the whereabouts or post office address of Alfred H. Mallory, or the postoffice address of his heirs, or of his executor or administrator.

My fees, 85 cents.

Grayling, Nov. 27, 1915.

W. H. CODY,
Sheriff of said county

12-23-4

Notice.

An ordinance to amend section 4 of ordinance No. 1 of the village of Grayling, as amended, entitled "Relative to Licenses" is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 4. All peddlers and hawkers exercising their calling within the Village of Grayling, except peanut and popcorn vendors who are residents of said Village of Grayling, shall before doing so, obtain a license therefor, and shall pay for such license for one week the sum of ten dollars and for less time the sum of two dollars for each day.

The same shall apply to all persons selling or offering for sale goods, wares or merchandise, by hand, hand cart, show stand, vehicle or otherwise from house to house in said village or upon the public streets or grounds of said village. This section shall not apply to residents of the county of Crawford and selling domestic fruits, vegetables, dairy or farm products, or butchers' meat by them, same, grown or produced. All residents of the said village calling or offering for sale upon the public streets or grounds of said village, shall before doing so, obtain a license therefor and shall pay for such license the sum of five dollars per month.

This ordinance shall take effect January 1st, 1916.

Have Your Wall
Paper Cleaned.
\$1.00 a Room and up

Now is the time to get
your wall paper cleaned
so that your walls will
be clean and neat for
the holidays. We clean
your wall paper for a
dollar a room and up,
according to the size
of the room. Calcimine
wall also.

Conrad Sorenson
Phone 613

Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 23

Brenner's for toys and dishes
"Santa Yum, yum," says the kid.
Thanks—whether we get it or not.
But this is some better than a Christ-
mas in the trenches.

Silver, Ivory and Mahogany clocks
to pick from, at Hathaway's

Geo. L. Alexander made a business
trip to Gaylord last Saturday.

Of course there is peace somewhere
on earth, but hanged if we know where
it is.

Fred MacDonald and daughter, Miss
Edith spent Sunday here with Mrs.
MacDonald.

E. McCrea of Bayou City was a
guest at the E. G. Clark home a couple
of days this week.

Devere Burgess has had a fine new
electric sign erected on the outside of
his billiard parlors.

Fr. Hasseburg of West Branch
was a guest at St. Mary's parsonage
on Friday of last week.

Walter Williams returned home last
Saturday afternoon after a week spent
in Ann Arbor and Detroit.

Just to remind you that the time to
buy Xmas goods is "now." The place
is at Holliday's Bazaar.

Hell in Europe, famine in Mexico,
indifference and plenty in the United
States. Funny old world, this.

Let no person know hunger in this
town on Christmas day. Fortune has
been too kind to the rest of us for that.

E. F. Cooper and family expect to
spend Christmas in Lansing with Mr.
Cooper's parents and other relatives.

Mrs. Henry Bauman returned Mon-
day from a few days spent in Sag-
inaw, the guest of her sister, Mrs. S. J.
Graham.

Fred Martin left for his home in
Grand Rapids the fore part of last
week, and expects to remain in that
city for the present.

To the new lady of the White house:
Our congratulations at this yuletide
time, madam; may you live long to
grace this fair land of ours.

Mrs. James Cameron of this city had the
misfortune to slip on the icy walk
and injure her hip quite severely Tues-
day, while calling on Frederic friends.

Miss Vera Shier is a guest of her
sister, Miss Ula Shier enroute from
Ypsilanti Normal to her home in Wol-
verine. Miss Ula will accompany her
home.

Wm. Fischer Sr., returned from Mt.
Clemens, the latter part of the week,
where he had been receiving treat-
ment for rheumatism. He is much
improved.

Miss Bernadette Cassidy and Miss
Elsie Jorgenson, who are attending
Ferris Institute are expected to arrive
home Friday afternoon to spend
Christmas.

There will be installation of officers
of the Grayling Lodge No. 356, F. & A.
M., next Monday evening, Dec. 27,
1915. All members are requested to
be present.

Catherine S. Waite, Dept. President
of Detroit and her secretary, E. Anna
McGrath, visited Grayling this week
to inspect Garfield Circle No. 16, La-
dies of the G. A. R.

We just received a shipment of im-
ported all linen hand embroidered
handkerchief. The prettiest assort-
ment that ever was seen in this town.

Selling, Hanson Co.

Alfred Jorgenson left Sunday night
for Jackson, to assist Nemesis Neil-
sen, on a painting job. Mr. Neilson
has been in that city several weeks
taking charge of the work.

Ambrose Melstrup moved his family
to Bay City Saturday. They expect
to make their future residence in that
city. Mr. Melstrup has entered the
employ of the Neil and Bigelow Lumber
company.

Little Japan is shocked—terribly,
everlastingly and painfully shocked.
China has voted to return to a mon-
archical form of government, and
neglected the formality of asking the
Japanese "by your leave."

Those attending the different col-
leges and educational institutions are
expected to spend the holidays at their
several homes. The following have
already arrived: Miss Helen Bowman
from Eastern Seminary, Antioch, Mass.,
Robert Rollins from M. A. C.,
Lansing, Stanley Ins. from Notre
Dame, Ind., Louis Joseph and Harry
Cunningham from M. A. C.,
Mich. Others are expected within the
next couple days.

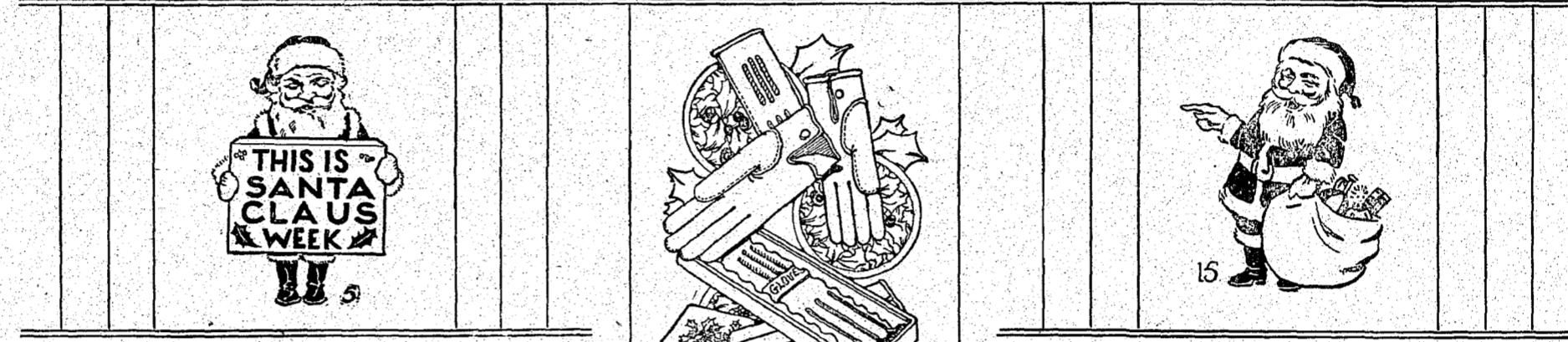


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Immense Variety, High Quality, Extra Value
and Years of Experience make this

THE IDEAL GIFT STORE

when choosing Gifts for Man or Boy, Woman or Girl



There are scores of Fine Gifts in this
list that men will want

Beautiful Silk Neckwear 25c to \$1.00

Fine Silk Mufflers 50c to 2.50

Kid Gloves 1.00 to 2.00

Knit Gloves 25c and 50c

Dress Shirts 50c to 2.00

Sweater, 50c to 8.00

Hosiery, all kinds, 10c to 50c

Suspenders and Garter Sets 75c

Hankerchiefs 10c to 25c

Fancy Suspenders 25c and 50c

Fancy Paris Garters 25c

Knit Mufflers 25c and 50c

Fancy Arm Bands 10c to 25c

House Slippers 75c to 2.00

Pajamas 1.25 and 1.50

Night Gowns 50c to 1.00

Suit Cases 1.00 to 10.00

Traveling Bags \$5 to 10.00

Caps, new styles, 50c to 1.50

Fur Caps 5.00 to 15.00

Hundreds of other articles are here for your
selection

A great selection of new Overcoats are
here, all specially low priced



A few of the many useful and pretty
Holiday Gifts for women and
children

There is simply no limit to your choice of Handkerchiefs

5c to \$2.50

Silk Hose 50c to \$2.00

Fancy Aprons 25c to 1.00

Bath or Fancy Towels 25c to 1.00

New Style Hand Bags 50c to 10.00

Felt Slippers 50c to 1.75

Kid Gloves—white, colors and black, 1.50 to 2.00

Yarn and Chamoisette Gloves 25c and 50c

Ladies' Sweaters 2.00 to 7.50

Children's Sweaters 50c to 3.50

Children's Furs reduced to $\frac{1}{2}$ price

Warm Knit Goods for infants and children of every kind

Children's Coats at greatly reduced prices

January prices on all Ladies' Coats and Skirts

Table Linens, Napkins, Bed Spreads

A complete line of Boys' Caps, Sweaters, Mitts,
Overcoats and Suits

Final Price Reductions on all Ladies'
Winter Suits—One-Third Off
regular prices

The Grayling Mercantile Co.

The Store of Useful Gifts

For Gifts that
will please
him most.

A Merry Christmas and many more
of them.

Fine line of safety razors. A. M.
Lewis

Wonder what the new year will have
in store for this town?

Traveling and Toilet sets that will
please you, at Hathaway's

The celebration of Christmas day
dates from the third century, which is
a little too ancient for the personal
reminiscences of "our oldest citizen."

Yes, we are feeling right smart to-
day, thank you. The boys are com-
ing right in with those subscriptions
they are owing us, and we have
strong hopes of tasting real turkey for
the holidays. There are still few more
to come in, but we feel con-
fident that the month of December
will bring in a goodly share of the
funds for Christmas trade. Hollis-
day Bazaar.

Miss Doris Lagrow of Frederic was
in the city shopping Tuesday.

If you want to see some pretty
handkerchiefs call at Salling, Hanson
Co's.

We can make it a prosperous year
if we get together and pull together.
Let's get and let's pull.

If congress starts the eagle to
screaming, our poor old national bird
will have a mighty sore throat before
that bunch gets through with it.

If his big Fordship and their little
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all get pinched by the fire eating hain-
sers, won't they set up a mighty howl
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candy for Christmas trade. Hollis-
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Yes, congress is on the job again.
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held election of officers, December 9th.

The following were duly elected for
the ensuing year:

Mari Hammond—Chief Ranger.

Elizabeth VanPatten—Past Chief
Ranger.

Phoebe Johnson—Vice Chief Ran-
ger.

Flora Mason—Rec. Sec.

Maude Smith—Fin. Sec.

Nellie Corwin—Treas.

Elsie Dinsree—Orator.

Isabelle McMahon—Sr. Woodward.

Clara McLeod—Sr. Woodward.

Hazel Williams—Sr. Beadle.

Ada Knight—Sr. Beadle.

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Board of Trustees.

Isabelle McLean and Emma Coky—
Ad. Bd.

Clara Williams—Eng. Bd.

THE BATTLE-CRY

By CHARLES NEVILLE BUCK

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SYNOPSIS.

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Juanita Holland, on her journey into the heart of the Cumberlands to become a teacher of the mountain children, faints at the door of Fletch Thixton's cabin. She awakes and, through her Bad Anse Havey and one of his henchmen that acquaints her with the Havey-McBriar feud. Cal Douglas of the Havey clan is on trial for the killing of a man, and Juanita, and Dawn are acquired. Cal Douglas is acquitted. Nash Wyatt is killed by the Haveys. Milt McNaught is killed as a reward for his master's pressure from Good Anse Talbott. Juanita thinks she finds that Bad Anse is opposing her efforts to buy land and a school. Milt McNaught is accused of the true. Fletch McNaught murdered. Jeb McNaught begs Bad Anse to tell him who killed his father, but is not told. Juanita and Bad Anse are in love, but stand apart. Bad Anse tells Juanita he does not fight women and Juanita gets her land and cabin. Jeb refrains from killing Young Milt, but murders his son, Young Milt, and Dawn meet several times, resulting in a demand from Bad Anse that Dawn leave Juanita's cabin. Juanita and Dawn leave the school. Bad Anse says that the school has been started by Juanita in the wrong way. She begins to understand Bad Anse's dream of regaining his lost honor. Bad Anse's school prospered. Bad Anse agrees to friendship with her, though he knows that on his part it is hopeless love.

CHAPTER XIX.

Once, when Anse Havey had been tramping all afternoon through the wintry woods with Juanita, he had pointed out a squirrel that sat erect on a branch high above them with its tail curled up behind it. He had stopped her with a touch on the arm; then, with a smile of amusement, he handed her his rifle with much the same manner that she might have handed him a novel in Russian, and his eyes said banteringly: "See what you can do with that."

But to his surprise she took the gun and leveled it as one accustomed to its use. Bad Anse Havey forgot the squirrel, and saw only the slim figure in its loose sweater; only the stray wisps of curling hair and the softness of the cheek that snuggled against the rifle stock. Then, at the report, the squirrel dropped.

She turned with a matter-of-fact nod and handed back the gun.

"I'm rather sorry I killed it," she said, "but you looked so full of scorn that I had to show you. You know, they do have a few rifles outside the Cumberland mountains."

"Where did you learn to shoot?" he demanded, and she answered casually: "I used to shoot a rifle and pistol, too, quite a good bit."

He took the gun back, and unconsciously his hand caressed the spot where her cheek had laid against its lock. He had fallen into a reverie out of which her voice called him. They had crossed the ridge itself and were overlooking his place.

"Why are they clearing that space behind your house? Are you going to put it in corn?"

"No," he laughed shortly. "Corn would be just about as bad as laurel."

He was instantly sorry he had said that. He had not meant to tell her of the plans he was making—plans of defense and, if need be, of offense. He had not intended to mention his precautions to prevent assassination at his own door or window.

But the girl understood, and her voice was heavy with anxiety as she demanded: "Do you think you're in danger, Anse?"

"There's never a day I'm not in danger," he replied casually. "I've got pretty well used to it."

"But some day," she broke out, "they'll get you."

He shrugged his shoulders. "May-be," he said.

As Juanita's influence grew with Bad Anse Havey, so it was growing at the school. She had to turn away pupils who had come across the mountains on wearisome journeys because as yet she had only limited room and no teachers save herself and Dawn to care for the youngest.

At the front of the hall which led into the main school building was a rack with notches for rifles and pegs for pistols. She told all who entered that she made only one stipulation, and that was that whoever crossed the threshold must leave his armament at the door.

At first some men turned away again, taking their children with them, but as time went on they grudgingly acquiesced, and at last, with a sense of great victory, she persuaded three shaggy fathers, who were coming regularly with their children, to ride back home unarmed.

Disarmament was her idea for the great solution, and when Bad Anse came over—and he came every night now—she led him with almost breathless eagerness to the rack and showed him two modern rifles and one antiquated squirrel gun.

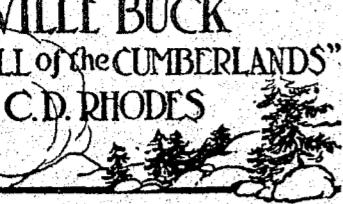
"What's the idea?" he asked with his skeptical smile. He found it very difficult to listen always to talk about the school in which he felt no interest.

SNAPSHOTs

Students at Wellesley have decided to eliminate slugs from their conversation. They say it gets them in bad with people who are not hep to it.

A woman should start on her vacation trip before the peaches ripen, and she should stay away until the canning season is over.

There are a lot of knotty problems in life. One of them concerns the wisdom of splitting a pair for the purpose of drawing a raffle.



est and to regard his vow of silence as to herself whom he dumbly wor-

"Then I'll talk outspoken. Ter try ter convict these men in oote means to take a desperate chance. Ye can't hardly succeed, an' if ye fails ye've lost yore hold on the Haveys—ye're plumb, eternally done for."

"I don't aim to fail."

"No; but ye mought. Anse, no man hain't never questioned yore loyalty till now. I mough as well tell ye straight what talkin' the goin' round."

Anse stiffened. "What is it?" he demanded.

"Some folks 'low that ther Haveys don't mean as much ter ye now as ther furrin' schoolteacher does. Them bairns'll be pretty apt ter think ye ain't tryin' ter please them so much as her—if ye attempts this."

Anse stood for a long minute silent, and his bronzed features grew taut. At last he inquired cooly:

"What do you think, Breck?"

"I'd trust ye till hell froze."

"All right. Then do I tell ye, an' if I fails I reckons you'll be head of the Haveys in my place."

Down at the school there was going to be a Christmas tree that year. Never before had the children of the "branch-water folks" heard of a Christmas tree. The season of Christ's birth had always been celebrated with moonshine jug and revolver. It was dreaded in advance and mourned over in retrospect.

Now in many childish hearts large dreams were brewing. Eager anticipations awaited the marvels. The honored young fir tree which was to bear a fruitage of gifts and lights had been singled out and marked to the ax. Anse Havey and Juanita had explored the woods together, bent on its selection. Perhaps Juanita and Dawn were as much excited as the children, but to Dawn it meant more than to anyone else. She was to accompany Juanita to Lexington to buy gifts and decorations and would have her first wondrous glimpse of the lights and crowds of a city.

Milt was there at college and would be returning about the same time, so the mountain girl secretly wrote him of her coming. And even facing so grave a crisis, Anse Havey thought of that tree and hoped that Luke would not come back before Christmas.

That night, while he was sitting with Juanita and the fire was flashing on her cheeks, he said moodily: "I'm afraid ye'll have to start despisin' me all over again."

She looked up in astonishment. "Why?" she asked.

"I've got to kill a man."

She rose from her chair, her face pallid.

"Kill a man?" she echoed.

"God knows I hate to do it." He rose, too, and stood before the hearth. "But I reckon it had better be me than Jeb."

"Do you mean—" she broke off and finished brokenly, "that Fletch's murderer is back?"

"He's comin'. He's comin' to kill somebody else. Most likely me. It's a question of settlin' scores with a murderer that kilt Fletch for a ticket West and a hundred dollars—or lettin' young Jeb McNaught go crazy an' startin' the feud all over again. I reckon ye sees that I ain't no choice."

She came nearer and stood confronting him so close that he felt her breath on his face. She broke out in a low, tense voice: "Suppose he kills you?"

"He'll have his chance," said Anse Havey shortly. "I ain't 'lowin' to shoot him down from ambush."

The girl leaned forward and clutched his hands in both her own. Under the tight pressure of her fingers he felt

"Notthin' kain't stand between me an' what I've got ter do, Anse," she said slowly. "He did not speak now with wild passion, but calm finality. "I've done took their oath."

For a while Anse Havey did not reply. At last he said quietly: "I reckon ye've got rid of the idea that I was aimin' to have him be ready to put by when Fletch's assassin came back to the mountains I'd let ye know. I'm goin' to keep my word."

Jeb rose suddenly from his chair and stood with the fire lighting up his ragged trousers and the frayed sleeves of his coat.

"Air he back now?" he demanded.

Anse shook his head.

"Not yet, Jeb; but he's coming." He saw the twitch that went across the tight-closed lips which made no comment.

"Jeb," he continued. "I want ye to help me. I want ye to be big enough to put by things that it's hard to put by."

He shook his head.

"Anse," he replied slowly, "ask me ter do anything else in God Almighty's world, but don't ask me that, 'cause if ye does I've got ter deny ye."

"I ain't askin' ye to let me go unpunished. I'm only askin' you to let me punishe him with the law."

Astonishment was writ large in every feature of Jeb's face. He stood in the wavering circle of light while his face became white and drawn.

"Don't risk your life," she pleaded. "Your people can't spare you; I can't spare you. Not now, Anse; I need you too much."

The man's voice came in a hoarse whisper.

"Ye needs me?"

"Yes, yes," she swept on, and for an instant he was on the verge of withdrawing his hands and crushing her to him, but something in his face had warned her. She dropped the hands he had been holding and said in an altered tone: "It's not just me; it's bigger than that. It's my work. We've come to be such good friends that I couldn't go on without you. My work would fail."

For a while he was silent, then he said very slowly and very bitterly:

"There is Just One Place Here Where the Spiders Are Welcome."

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PELLETS OF TRUTH

When a rural community doesn't know and can't find out the detectives might as well give up.

The rule is that when the members of a family are not quarreling with each other they are making fun of relatives.

The fact that a band serenades you is not prima facie evidence that you are a great man. More likely, it means the leader of the band believes you will act up on the cigars.

"Oh, it's just your work that needs me?"

"But, Anse," she argued, "my work is all that's biggest and best in me. You understand, don't you?"

For a moment his voice got away from him and he rose fiercely:

"I don't give a damn for your work!" he blazed out. "It's you I'm interested in. That's the sort of friend I am."

She looked up at his gleaming eyes, a little amazed, and he went on, quietly enough now:

"I'll go to hang Luke Thixton I'll be right now what ye prophesied for me twenty years hence—the leader of the wolf-pack that goes down an' gets trot on. I ain't never put no such strain on my influence as this is goin' to be. I've got to hold back the Haveys an' the McNaughts whilst I'm through."

"He's goin' to die. If I fail, then—"

"The clanstan raised his hands in a gesture of concession—"then he's yours. Will you wait?"

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The boy stood there, his fingers slowly clutching and opening. Finally he said: "Huh ain't a goin' ter satisfy me ter penitentiary that feller. He's got ter die."

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In Sweden, Norway and Denmark—
Or Interest to the Scandinavians
in America.

SWEDEN.

A diver named Lindvall found a chunk of copper weighing over a ton in Kopparvik, near Aspeboda, Dalarne.

The Stockholm chamber of commerce has recommended the establishment of a Swedish-Russian commercial institute.

A coal vein has been struck at a depth of 80 feet at Sjöbo, Skano. The authorities are in hopes that it will pay to mine the coal.

Stockholm, the steamer which the Swedish-American steamship line has just bought, left Gothenburg December 11 for its first trip to America.

At the Torsang boom, Dalarne, the number of logs disposed of during the past season was 12,684,947, which broke all former records.

A furnace for electric smelting of iron ore is in process of construction at Donnarvet. It is expected to turn out about 15,000 tons of pig iron a year.

The government has authorized the sale of 15,000 tons of wheat before January 16 to parties not belonging to the millers' union, the price to be the same as that paid by said union.

The merchant marine of Sweden has been reduced by 25,000 tons since the beginning of the war. The reduction was due mostly to the sale of Swedish vessels to foreigners.

Evangelisk Fosterlandsstiftelsen, a mission society, asked the government of English East India for permission to land seven of its missionaries in India, but met with flat refusal.

The department of war has asked for \$13,000 above and beyond the amount mentioned in the budget for flying machines for the army, the whole amount for the next year to be \$56,000. It is claimed that the war has demonstrated the value of flying machines in actual warfare.

Representatives from the organized employees of the pulp factories of the Scandinavian countries have held a conference for the purpose of enforcing an eight-hour day. At the present time there are two shifts of twelve hours each, but the aim of the employees is to have three shifts of eight hours each.

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, addressed a formal communication to Secretary Robert Lansing, denying published reports that the embassy had made representations to the American government which alleged that W. A. F. Ekengren, the minister from Sweden here, had been transmitting communications from Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, to the Berlin foreign office. At the Swedish legation a similar denial was made.

Herr E. Kjellberg of Karlskoga has promised that in case Bishop Billing and two other well-known bishops will appoint a few more men and organize themselves into a society to be known as "For Sweden and the Christian Faith." Herr Kjellberg will donate \$27,000 to such a society as the beginning of a large permanent fund. The aim of the society shall be to advance the cause of the Christian faith and patriotism. The bishops have accepted the offer.

An invention which may prove to be of epoch-making importance has been made by two young scientists, Engineer Ahstrom and Doctor Tenow. It is a new kind of log which at any time shows the speed of a vessel, the distance covered, and the distance from any point passed at a given time. The log may easily be mounted on any vessel. It has a kind of differential manometer attached to a clockwork. It has been tested by the Swedish navy and has given the best of results. The invention will greatly facilitate the running of submarines and be of particular service to warships during action. The invention is to be manufactured by a syndicate backed by at most \$300,000 and branch factories will be established in Germany, France, England, Italy, Russia, and the United States.

Karl Gustafsson of Björkhedan was out hunting moose the other day. He was lucky enough to get a shot at one, but the animal at once disappeared. A few seconds later another animal came, and, taking it to be the same one, he emptied the other barrel of his gun. When he came to the place he found that he had killed two moose.

Representatives of the tobacco trust and its employees have agreed on a series of rules which are to be acted upon by the two parties concerned.

At the close of the year 1913 there were 6,656 schools for small children, 594 of them being itinerating; 2,547 small public schools, 638 of which were itinerating, and 6,345 grade schools, of which 175 are itinerating. There were 2,250 extension schools. The number of teachers was 21,123, of whom 6,018, or 28 1/2 per cent, were men.

At the close of the year 1912 there were 2,063 registered sick aid unions in Sweden, and their total membership was 637,049.

NORWAY.

A Norwegian named Amundsen, who had been an agent for the British and Foreign Bible society for fifteen years and was residing at Hunan, China, had a very unpleasant experience. As a Norwegian he was in the habit of hoisting the Norwegian flag in his garden. But the British consul had prohibited him from doing this unless permitted to do so by the consul. On one occasion he failed to ask for the required permission, and the consul sent an official order to have the flag taken down. For the sake of domestic peace Mr. Amundsen pulled down his flag. The consul reported the matter to the local office of the Bible society, where it was promised that the matter would be placed before the executive committee in London. At the same time Mr. Amundsen was accused of "trading with the enemy." This, Mr. Amundsen explains, referred to an act of charity on his part, which consisted in furnishing a little food to a sick German woman and a newborn babe. Scarcely had Mr. Amundsen offered this explanation when he was ordered to give up his position, which he did.

On the Klemetsaunet farm in Bymarken there is a group of very old people. Rasmus is past ninety; his wife, Randi, is eighty; and his two sisters, Else and Elen, are eighty-seven and eighty-five, respectively. The combined age of the four is three hundred and forty-two years. Rasmus has lived in this place since he was four years old. His two sisters, who are single, have always lived there. The Klemetsaunet farm is located about two miles from Trolle, a suburb of Trondheim. It is shut off from the outer world by high bluffs, and Rasmus was compelled to turn to the sea, on which he has fought many a fierce battle. Now he has quit the sea. His hearing is poor, but he can see well, and is still chopping wood and doing other light work. His wife, Randi, is more vigorous. Else has been blind for 20 years, and Elen is weak, and her mind erratic.

The number of contracts between employers and employees expiring in 1916 is 467, and the number of employees involved is about 63,000. Efforts are now being made to renew the old contracts or agree on new ones. A proposition to raise the wage last August was turned down by the employers.

DENMARK.

Remarkable reports are in circulation in the Danish capital regarding the treatment of the Danish population in the north of Schleswig-Holstein, the German province which borders on Denmark and which was formerly Danish territory. There are still over a hundred thousand inhabitants of Danish extraction and of Danish tongue, commonly known as South Jutlanders, in this German territory and ever since they came under the Prussian rule there have been charges that the Danes suffered persecution, although for some years before the outbreak of the European war the trouble had nearly ceased. It is now charged that the Danes are meeting with new affronts which are bitterly resented since a great number of the Danes have fought with great bravery and distinction as part of the German army in the present war. It is said that German commanders have been drawing up certain blacklists of the Danish South Jutlanders, and that these persons are being punished with a severity out of proportion to the offenses committed. When war began South Jutland, or the north of the province of Schleswig-Holstein, was placed under a military rule which superseded the authority of the high bailiff. One of the first measures taken by this military command was to send 300 South Jutlanders to prison. It is half a mile long and 240 feet high, or more than 100 feet higher than the Brooklyn bridge. It consists of ten spans of 180 feet each and two spans of 100 feet each. The mammoth viaduct contains 4,509,000 cubic feet of concrete and 2,280,000 pounds of re-enforcing steel. Parapet walls three feet thick rise above the tracks to a height of four feet, insuring safety without cutting off the wonderful view from the car windows.

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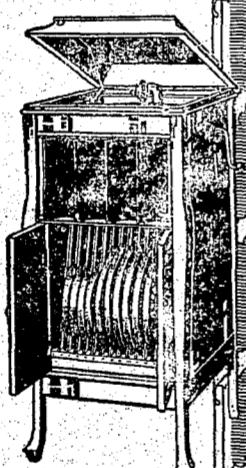
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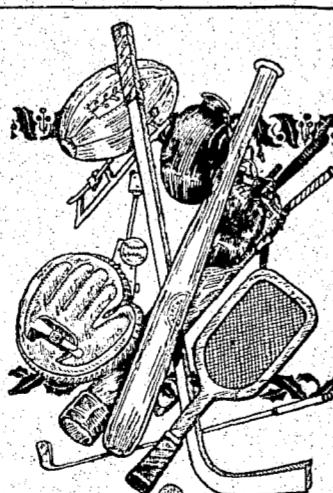
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HOLIDAY AILMENTS

How to Avoid Condition Brought About by Overeating.

Plenty of Vigorous Outdoor Exercise Will Help Digestive Organs Absorb Food—Better Than Doctor's Prescription.

By IRENE WESTON.
SO MANY people habitually feel more or less out-of-sorts for the few days following Christmas that Christmas ailments have come to be recognized as a necessary aftermath of the festivities.

Of course, the children will always overeat themselves; if they were not allowed to eat all sorts of indigestible things, they would feel they were being cheated out of half the joy of the gay Christmas season. As a matter of fact, it is not the children at all who make up the bulk of sufferers from Christmas complaints. It is the grown-ups who, simply through carelessly neglecting to subscribe to one simple rule of health, frequently find themselves more or less unhappy inside, and more tired and run down physically at the end of the Christmas holidays than before them.

Of course, children do overeat themselves more often than grown people. They rejoice, however, in the possession of powers of recuperation which grown-ups, even in the prime of life, can only look back on with envy. Too much plum pudding, too many sausages with turkey, too many sweets between meals, may bring on a sharp digestive upset, but in a few hours all traces of it have disappeared, and the one-time sufferer is soon eager for more of the rich foods which caused him pain.

With grown people, after-Christmas ailments are not so much due to indiscriminate eating of indigestible foods as to an utter neglect of any precautions to adapt their systems to the new conditions which reign during the Christmas holidays.

Take the case of the average father of a family who leaves all office work behind. How does the change affect him? In the first place, the dull monotony of his days is broken in upon and his brain can relax from the high pressure of the office. This much, of course, is a change in the right direction. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy physically as well as mentally. At the same time, however, staying at home has drawbacks of its own, for it means less exercise, which in its turn should suggest a cutting down of the food supplied to the body.

Too much food and too little exertion are almost certain to upset the digestion and clog up the various organs whose duty it is to separate the waste matters from the good in the food we eat and rid the body of those poisonous products.

The remedy is perfectly simple. There is no need to stint yourself of the good things of the table. Eat, drink and be merry, within fair moderation, of course. However, you must help your digestive organs by taking plenty of vigorous outdoor exercise.

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